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*Whereas, Secondhand smoke is responsible for more than 38,000 deaths in the United States annually;*

*Whereas, It is the duty of government to protect all citizens, particularly children, from the dangers of secondhand smoke in restaurants and public places;*

*Whereas, It has been shown that ventilation systems do not provide adequate protection from secondhand smoke;*

*Whereas, Workers who work in smoke-filled restaurants have cancer rates four times greater than workers in office buildings where smoking is prohibited;*

*Whereas, Workers should not be forced to choose between having a job and protecting their health;*

*Whereas, Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers;*

*Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends implementing smoking bans as a way of reducing tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure;*



*Whereas, Ten states, including California, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York, several countries, including Ireland, New Zealand, and Sweden, and many communities across America have passed bans on smoking in all workplaces, including restaurants and bars;*

*Whereas, Philip Morris Tobacco Company concedes that "conclusions of public health officials concerning environmental tobacco smoke are sufficient to warrant measures that regulate smoking in public places"; and*

*Whereas, We all have the right to breathe clean, safe, smoke-free air: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly
- 2       urge municipalities and local governments to adopt ordinances to
- 3       restrict smoking in restaurants and public places.
- 4       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5       Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to all 92 county
- 6       councils.

